

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78821

Yoshihiro KATSUMATA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/734,167

Group Art Unit: 1711

Confirmation No.: 2113

Examiner: Thao T. TRAN

Filed: December 15, 2003

For: INK WASTAGE ABSORBER AND INK SUPPORTER

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF
INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination is submitted concurrently herewith. In supplement to the Response filed May 22, 2007, and in further reply to the Office Action dated February 22, 2007, Applicants wish to re-emphasize the remarks set forth in the Response filed May 22, 2007, and request the Examiner's reconsideration thereof, as discussed in the telephonic interview conducted on July 12, 2007 and summarized below.

Statement of Substance of Interview

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on July 12, 2007:

REMARKS

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: All pending claims

3. Identification of art discussed: Haruta et al.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: None
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Applicants' representative inquired as to the persuasiveness of the arguments set forth in the Response filed on May 22, 2007 and inquired regarding whether the arguments would be persuasive if submitted as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None
7. Results of Interview: The Examiner indicated that it was possible that the Response filed on May 22, 2007, if submitted as part of a RCE, may distinguish the present claims over the prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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